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HECB to discuss enrollment trends, state funding

OLYMPIA-The Higher Education Coordinating Board will discuss elements of the upcoming 2004 Master Plan for Higher Education during its Feb. 26 meeting in Olympia.

Included in the discussion will be the effect of the state's tuition and financial aid policies in determining which students choose to attend Washington colleges, as well as enrollment trends and funding issues - including a possible alternative to the state's budget-driven funding practice. The master plan is the state's strategic policy blueprint for higher education in Washington. It is updated every four years; the next plan will be submitted to the Legislature and Governor in January 2004.

The board also will hear a presentation on the state's private four-year colleges and universities by Violet Boyer, president of the Washington Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (WAICU).

The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Utilities and Transportation Commission office and is open to the public.

Briefing materials on agenda items are available at:
<http://www.hecb.wa.gov/boardmtgs/index.asp>

Who: Higher Education Coordinating Board

What: February regular meeting

**Where: The Utilities and Transportation Commission Board Room
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW, Olympia**

When: Wednesday, Feb. 26

1:30 - 5 p.m.

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PRELIMINARY BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Utilities and Transportation Commission Board Room
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW, Olympia 98504
Feb. 26, 2003

Approximate times

12:00 noon Discussion with Senate and House Higher Education Committee Members (Room 402, General Administration Building). No official business will be conducted.

1:30 p.m. Welcome and Introductions
• Bob Craves, HECB chair

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Adoption of January 2003, HECB Meeting Minutes

1:35 p.m. Legislative Update
• HECB staff briefing

2:00 p.m. Master Plan 2004 / Tuition and State Financial Aid Discussion Paper
• HECB staff briefing
• Board discussion
• Public comment

3:00 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. Master Plan 2004 / Enrollment Policy
• HCB staff briefing
• Board discussion
• Public comment

4:00 p.m. Presentation from the Washington Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (WAICU)
• Violet Boyer, president

4:30 p.m. Washington Student Residency Update

- HECB staff briefing

4:45 p.m. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PUBLIC COMMENT

5:00 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

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HECB 2003 Meeting Calendar

Date	Location
March 26, Wed.	Dept.of Info. Services Board Room, Olympia
April 23, Wed. .	St. Martin's College, Worthington Center, Lacey
May 28, Wed.	Dept.of Labor & Industries, Bldg.S-117, Tumwater
July 30, Wed.	Pierce College, Puyallup
Sept. 24, Wed.	Washington State University, Pullman
Oct. 29, Wed.	Renton Technical College, Renton
Dec. 3, Wed.	Dept.of Info. Services Board Room, Olympia